

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for indicating claims 4-6 as allowed and claim 3 as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

1. Amendments and Support for Same

By the Response, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the features recited in claim 3. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 4-6 are respectfully submitted for consideration. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

With respect to the rejection of claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and with respect to the rejection of claim 1-2 as being anticipated by O'Connell (US 5,743,646), Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the allowable features of claim 3. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered as moot.

3. Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-2 be allowed with claims 4-6, and that the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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Respectfully submitted,



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